

1100 Run 3-11-68
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Statistical Reporting Service and
U. S. Department of Commerce
Environmental Science Services Admm.
Weather Bureau

Nebraska Department of Agriculture
Division of Agr'l. Statistics
Agricultural Extension Service
of Nebr. College of Agriculture

NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

Release 3/11/68

Week Ending 3/11/68

WEATHER It was unseasonably warm with temperatures averaging from 10 to 13 degrees above normal. Cooler air entered the Panhandle on Saturday and spread across the State on Sunday bringing an end to the 50 and 60 degree temperatures that had prevailed since the previous Sunday.

Precipitation was quite variable with portions of the State receiving little or none and some had beneficial amounts. A band of showers extending from the southwest portion to the northeast corner Thursday night brought one-fourth to one-half inch to many spots and up to 1.18 inches at Curtis. Snow over the week end left a cover of one to three inches west of the Imperial-Valentine line. The southern Panhandle received a half inch of moisture from the snow.

CROPS Wheat started greening with the return of mild temperatures. Most top soils are dry, but scattered precipitation in the west and central gave temporary relief. Some local blowing dust was reported prior to the rains. Much more moisture will be needed as the crop comes out of dormancy and starts making growth.

There was increased activity in getting started on this year's farming operations with six days favorable for work. Stalks were being chopped with some plowing, disking, and fertilizer applications. A limited amount of oats, barley, and early grasses were seeded last week. In the Panhandle farmers were preparing seed beds for sugar beets. Other work consisted of livestock feeding, hauling manure, and getting supplies for spring operations.

Irrigation water supplies in the Platte River drainage area appear to be above normal at this time.

Some stalk fields were grazed but most field roughages have been utilized. Feed grain supplies were adequate with high moisture grain being used as quickly as possible. Hay and forage use continued but supplies are generally good in most areas.

The threat of range fires has been very high as dry conditions prevailed. A few small fires occurred before showers and snow dampened dry grasses. More moisture is needed for early season grass to start making growth.

LIVESTOCK Livestock conditions are generally good with favorable weather for calving and lambing operations until the week end when cold, wet rain and snow caused some hardship to newborn animals. Some swine losses from disease were reported.

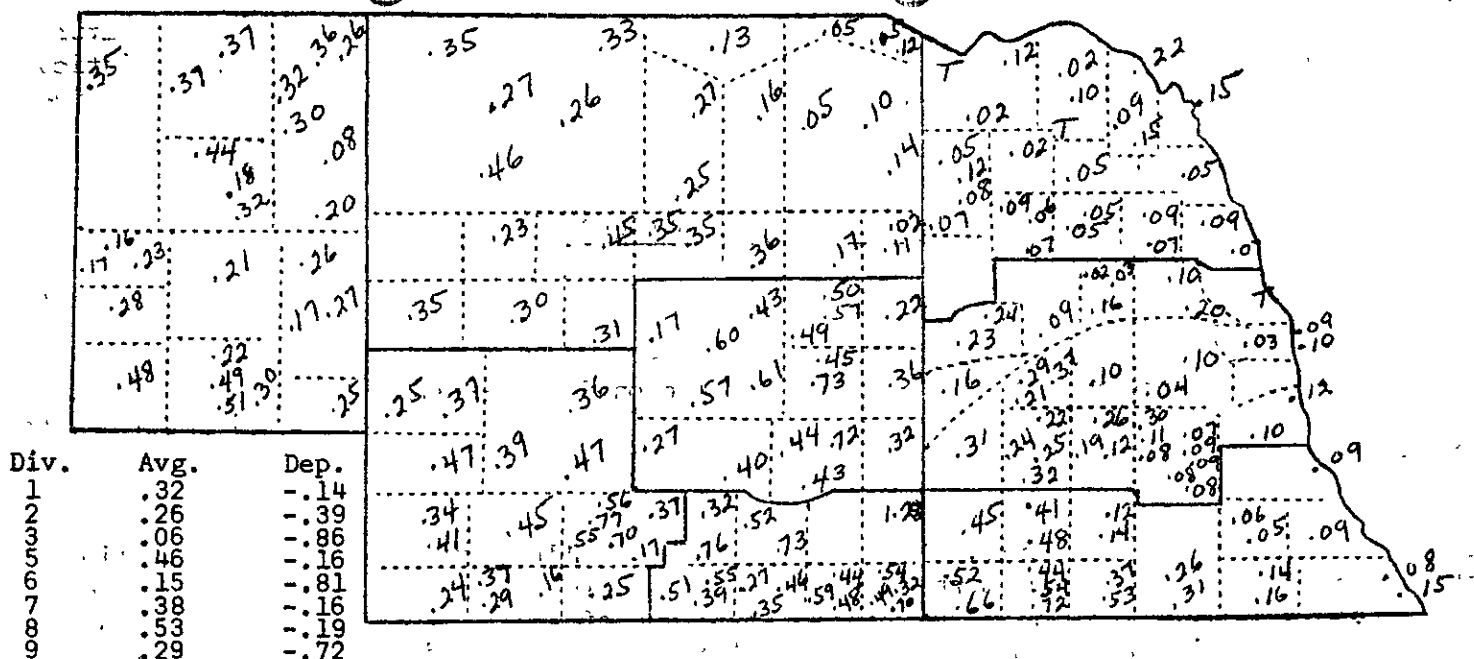
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 10, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.15	Burwell	.53	Chadron	.19
Lincoln	.01	North Platte	.09	Imperial	.07
Norfolk	.25	Valentine	.02	Scottsbluff	.53
Omaha	.12			Sidney	.50
Sioux City	.08				

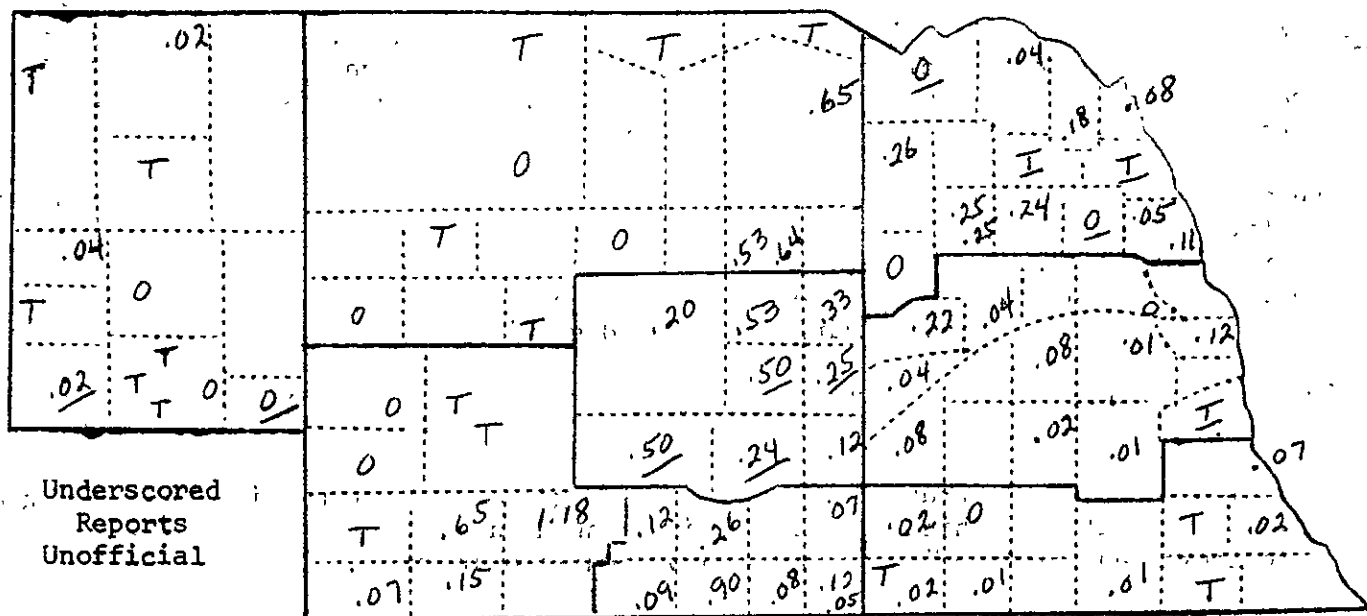
U. S. Department of Agriculture
211 P. O. Building, Box 1911
Lincoln, Nebraska 68501
Official Business

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1968



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 8, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		March		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	63	24	65	38	72	42	64	40	55	30	39	25	34	26		
	Scottsbluff	63	30	65	28	69	39	61	38	56	37	39	30	34	28		
	Sidney	62	28	64	23	66	37	57	38	56	29	37	24	30	19		
NC	Burwell	67	27	57	25	62	33	60	44	59	28	48	27	40	17		
	Valentine	66	26	57	28	68	40	59	36	54	26	45	26	39	19		
NE	Norfolk	67	35	54	22	59	35	65	43	60	35	48	27	39	18		
	Sioux City	69	40	57	22	60	34	66	45	59	41	53	27	45	18		
CEN	Grand Island	68	36	59	27	62	36	62	45	66	35	53	31	44	21		
EC	Lincoln	65	40	58	27	59	36	65	48	65	38	50	31	42	23		
	Omaha	66	35	55	30	57	36	63	44	60	35	46	26	41	20		
SW	Imperial	67	29	66	27	65	39	63	47	61	31	50	28	34	17		
	North Platte	66	23	60	26	64	34	54	40	60	23	46	26	41	17		